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HASTINGS, NEBRASKA

DEPARTMENT OF LATIN AND GREEK
J. J. BOGGS, D. D.

March 29th 1930.

Rev.W.Courtland Robinson,D.D.
Presbyterian Office,
Philadelphia,Pa.

My dear Dr.Robinson:-

Herewith I am sending a contribution for your paper. Should you not use it please return to me,for which I enclose postage.

I wish you a very great success in the management of the Presbyterian and that it may be an even more useful paper than in the past.

Yours sincerely,

J. J. Boggs.

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April 25 1930

Rev. Courtland Robinson D.D.
The Presbyterian ,
1217 Market Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Dr. Robinson:

I en close for your consideration a poem which has just been written. I am quite sure before I send it that it is not they type of poem that you would choose for your readers and yet I am sending it at a venture.

There is something to it and the style, while not "exalted" is more or less popular and there are many who would read a poem of this nature who would turn away from the more majestic and stately measures.

I en close a self addressed envelop for its return if it is not found available for your use.

Thank you for publishing the one recently sent you entitled "A Creed."

Very truly yours,

J. T. Britan.

Olive Presbyterian Church

THE FRIENDLY CHURCH
REV. ALFRED BARRATT, MINISTER
128 CHURCH STREET
PUNXSUTAWNEY, PENNSYLVANIA

April 17th 1 9 3 0

Rev. W. Courtland Robinson D.D.
Editor "The Presbyterian"
Philadelphia. Pennsylvania.

My Dear Doctor Robinson:-
I know you are looking forward towards Mother's Day and so I am enclosing a beautiful Mother's Day sermon entitled

A MOTHER'S INFLUENCE.

If you can get a better and more appropriate sermon for Mother's Day than this one then you may return this to me by return mail, but- if you are satisfied that this is a very timely and satisfactory message for this sweet and beautiful occasion, then I shall be delighted for you to use this message.

Please read this yourself and be the judge I know how you feel in this matter we need to remind our young people more and more these days of their love for mother and respect for their parents.

I am confident you will enjoy this message and arrange for its appearance in our great and invaluable "Presbyterian". Thank You.

Yours Very Cordially
Alfred Barratt.
Rev. Alfred Barratt.

The Moody Bible Institute Monthly
163 INSTITUTE PLACE
CHICAGO

JAMES M. GRAY, EDITOR
CLARENCE H. BENSON,
ASSOCIATE EDITOR
ERNEST D. CHRISTIE,
PUBLICATION MANAGER

March 31, 1930

Rev. W. C. Robinson, D.D.,
1217 Market Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Dr. Robinson:

Thank you for your good letter of March 20. It was very kind of you to go to such length in explaining some of the matters that were a puzzle to me. I greatly appreciate your conservative stand and feel sure that under your leadership The Presbyterian will continue to be the medium of orthodoxy in our church. I quite agree with you that the conservatives have lost much because of their contentions with each other. I am far from being a radical myself and my criticism for the most part has always been constructive.

You have been placed in a difficult position, but I believe you are approaching your task in the right spirit and that you should have the support of all who are loyal to the faith and traditions of the Presbyterian church.

Cordially and fraternally,

Clarence H Benson

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Dictated but not read

Olive Presbyterian Church

THE FRIENDLY CHURCH
REV. ALFRED BARRATT, MINISTER
128 CHURCH STREET
PUNXSUTAWNEY, PENNSYLVANIA

April Three

1 9 3 0

My Dear Doctor Robinson:-

Here we are with a very sweet and beautiful message for the pages of "The Presbyterian"

RESTING UNDER THE TREE.

CONTENTMENT- COMFORT- COMMUNION.

These are the very things that are so often lacking in the lives of many Christians. Read the sermon yourself I know you will agree with me that this is very timely.

Thank You.

Yours Very Cordially

Alfred Barratt

REV. ALFRED BARRATT.

April 8, 1930.

Rev. Alfred Barratt,
128 Church Street,
Punxsutawney, Pa.

Dear Mr. Barratt:-

We are grateful for your contribution and will use it as quickly as we can.

Yours very sincerely,

Olive Presbyterian Church

THE FRIENDLY CHURCH
REV. ALFRED BARRATT, MINISTER
128 CHURCH STREET
PUNXSUTAWNEY, PENNSYLVANIA

March 21st 1930

Rev. W. C. Robinson D.D.
Editor "The Presbyterian"
Philadelphia. Penna.

My dear Doctor Robinson:-
Let me say first of all welcome to our Presbyterian family as Editor of our family paper. This is the first day of spring and we say "All hail" to the Springtime we say "All hail" to our new Chief. Give us a good paper give us of your best. I was very pleased to get your letter and appreciate your statement that you would like to use something of mine in the paper.

Well can you use an Easter sermon for your Easter issue.? How about a sermon for Mother's Day I have a beautiful touching sermon on Mother-Then again I have a sermon ready for decoration Day can you use it.?

I had an Easter sermon in "The Presbyterian" last Easter. I have one on IF THERE WERE NO EASTER.. Can you use it.? You see I am looking ahead-but I know you are thinking about your Easter issue at this time. Let me hear from you early.

Your work will be interesting and sometimes confusing but you are big enough for the job and we have every confidence that you are going to render splendid service to the members of our great denomination through the medium of the best paper of all "The Presbyterian",.

God bless you and make you a blessing to others.

Yours very cordially

Alfred Barratt.

Rev. Alfred Barratt.

488 Berkeley Ave
Mar 20/20
Orange N.J.

Rev. Courtland Robinson D.D.
Editor of The Presbyterian.

Dear Sir:

I have read with great pleasure your Review in Mar 20. issue of the "Jan Sabbath School Lessons."

But referring to your remark: "Matthew gives more space to what we call the Sermon on the Mount than to any other teaching of Jesus." "Luke is the only other one who gives us any part of it," and his is not so full, and complete."

Were there not two sermons, one on the mount & one on the Plain?

Was Matthew a disciple when Jesus uttered the Sermon on the Mount - Matt 5, 6, 7.? For (Matt IX. 9) Matthew's call is recorded apparently afterward - (Luke VI-15) says Matthew was among the disciples when Jesus uttered the sermon on the Plain -

If this be so, it makes clear the different expressions in the two sermons, and also the lack of exact uniformity -

Yours truly
Mm Barr

March 20, 1930.

Mr. Clarence H. Benson,
163 Institute Place,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mr. Benson:-

Your letter of March 18th to the Publishing Company has just come to my hand. Like yourself I have a deep and friendly interest in Dr. Craig and he has shown the same to me. The differences which led to his retirement from the editor's chair of this paper were largely personal and I had nothing whatever to do with them. Dr. Craig has so told me. I certainly am a conservative of the strictest order and I shall support only conservative views and practices.

The Westminster Seminary people who have been my friends for years have not yet received me into their circle but many of their trustees have indicated a desire to do so. I do not know why the idea is spread abroad that I am liberal.

As for Princeton Seminary, I was a director for fifteen years and was removed by the General Assembly which was not a pleasant experience. I know that we have some seven million conservative dollars in that institution and if it be possible I hope they will still be useful in promoting conservative thought. I have not given up Princeton. There is a strong conservative minority in the thirty-three new trustees and I think they will exercise strong influence in control. I hold no grief for the institution. I fought the change and if they go astray I shall have no commendation for them but I desire to hold them true to old Princeton traditions if I can do so. The new men elected are all conservatives -- one from Scotland exceedingly so.

I am new as an editor and will blunder along for a time but I sincerely hope you will give me the chance of a reasonable trial. If I cannot retain my conservative conviction I will resign. I do believe that conservatives have lost much hitherto because they have fought one another. There was no more reason for that Princeton fight than there was for flying to the moon. There was a bitter difference in personal feelings for which blame can be put upon both parties. I thank you for writing and while I am in no sense a fighter I think you will find me sound in the faith.

Very sincerely yours,

March 20, 1930.

Rev. Alfred Barratt,
128 Church Street,
Punxsutawney, Pa.

Dear Mr. Barratt:-

I have found but one manuscript of yours which I returned. Dr. Kennedy has not been in charge in this office for three or four years. Your sermon was very able but we have a wealth of material and so I returned it. If I find your other manuscripts I will look them over and use them if possible. You write well and I would like to get something of yours in the paper.

The Holland Memorial Church seems to be tottering almost to collapse. I think it is vacant. You could write to Rev. Dr. W. P. Fulton, Witherspoon Building, Philadelphia, concerning it.

Very sincerely yours,

WESTERN RECORDER

"Earnestly Contend for the Faith Once for All Delivered to the Saints."—Jude 3.

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Our Baptist Churches.—J. J. WICKER, D.D., Richmond, Va.

THAT there is an astonishing even alarming amount of unrest among both preachers and churches in regard to the pastoral relationship no one can doubt who is in touch with those most familiar with conditions. Few care to write of it: (1) There are more pleasant themes. (2) There are many concerning which it is easier to adopt the acclaimed "optimistic method." (3) Many on which one may write without feeling so much as if he was amid barbed-wire entanglements. Yet Dr. Wicker advances into this "no-man's-land" in his articles of last week and this, and with such grace and skill that his garments seem to have escaped each threatening barb. Sympathy and understanding can do that when all things else fail. Yet not even Dr. Wicker points a finger with any particular emphasis to a way out. Or is it our lack of understanding of what our able friend may have up his sleeve? Is it true, perchance, that he knows that so many of us are like fretful, spoiled children that it is better to administer the prescription only while our backs are turned? It looks a bit like it in his reference to that wonderful Presbyterian Elder. For just where the Elder found it, the cure of hundreds of officially-affirmed pastoral "misfits" could be had. But it may not be had without love and the Spirit of Christ in the hearts of church leaders. It would be just like Dr. Wicker to have other wholesome prescriptions hid away for possible administration. If so, we beg him to bring them forth. Dear Doctor, the patient is undoubtedly seriously unwell. Do not give up the case, we beg.—Editorial Note.

THE unrest of many pastors is a well known fact. How far do the churches figure in this pastoral problem of desiring a change? I venture that in a large majority of cases when the pastor desires to move, the church is quite agreeable to the proposition.

Are the churches chargeable with the cause for this state of unrest on the part of pastors? Perhaps a few stories would throw some light on the situation.

When the late, and gifted Robert Stuart MacArthur became pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church, New York City, more than fifty years ago, he was a very young man. At that time he did not give promise of becoming the great pulpit orator that he developed later in life, but rather he proved a serious disappointment to the Calvary church. So much so, that at the end of his first year the deacons thought it would be best for him to resign and move on.

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DID THE young pastor lose his head and get mad when told how the officers of his church felt? Not a bit of it. On the other hand, he listened as unmoved as one could under such circumstances, and after the chairman of the board of deacons had informed the young pastor that his pulpit gifts were a disappointment, and he lacked the ability to meet the requirements of that great church, young MacArthur said:

"My brethren, I agree all too heartily with you and deeply sympathize with your feelings and I say this without any mental reservation. It is all too true. But, my beloved deacons, if I resign and leave this pastorate at your request, it will follow me to the day of my death and impair my standing and usefulness wherever I go. I will never get over it.

"Now, let me make a suggestion: suppose we all pray together and make a solemn covenant that we will do our united best for one more year. I will do my utmost to improve my preaching and you will pray for me and we will work day and night together for Christ and His church. If at the end of my second year you still feel as you now do, I promise you I will resign and leave the pastorate in such a way that the cause will suffer no harm."

This proposition seemed so reasonable that the deacons at once unanimously accepted it, and at the end of the year, every hat was in the air for the young pastor and his great ministry with that church continued for forty-one years.

The lamented and much-loved W. W. Landrum said his father told him, If a pastor could stay three years, he could stay five; and if he could stay five, he could stay ten; and if he could stay ten, he could stay a lifetime.

But in spite of all philosophy and wisdom that might be exercised, there still remain many difficult problems connected with the pastorate.

II

RECENTLY at a great denominational gathering a sermon was preached and it was unanimously pronounced one of the noblest deliverances ever heard by that body in its long history. Yet, I happened to know that the preacher on that occasion has for seven years sought a change in pastorate. And notwithstanding his other splendid qualities in addition to his preaching ability, along with the generous aid of his fellow ministers, he has not succeeded in securing a "call". And this is not an isolated case. I know of many such.

Recently I saw forty persons in a Sunday evening congregation representing a membership of over five hundred, and the pastor is an accomplished Doctor of Divinity, worthy of the degree. His sermon was unusually interesting, though I confess I do not see how, under such circumstances he could preach a worth-while sermon. This pastor, like many others, is carrying a really big brain over a broken heart. How can pastors with such support put any power in their preaching, or real heart in pastoral work?

Some years ago the Fifth Ave., Presbyterian Church, New York City, called a pastor to succeed the brilliant Jowett. An elder in the church invited his partner in business (not a Presbyterian) to come into his pew and hear the new minister preach. At the end of the service the elder asked his friend the usual question: "How do you like our preacher?" To which the visitor replied: "Frankly, I would not call him a great preacher".

"True", promptly replied the elder, "he is not now a great preacher. But we propose to make him one." How I wish that Presbyterian elder could become the pastor of all our Baptist deacons!

III

WE SAY, "like priest, like people". But in many cases is it not, "like people, like priest"? Many a pastor has been made by his members and many another has been murdered.

Some preachers accept the "iceberg" challenge and thaw it out under the gentle sunshine of love. Others turn the ice into boiling water with hell-fire. But frequently neither of these methods proves successful and the church becomes a "refrigerator," with an "icicle" in the pulpit

Freezing out preachers is about the only way some religious Egos can develop a sense of self-importance worthy of a "leading church official". This is one way of dignifying a deacon so he will be able to "exercise the gifts" imparted in the "laying on of hands" at an ordination.

I am a Pacifist, but I frankly confess that as I write, I feel a great big something bouncing around in me with an overwhelming desire to "Pass-A-Fist" into some pastoral problems.

Some years ago I aided a fine young preacher in a revival meeting, resulting in 183 additions, mostly by baptism. I was reaping what he had sown. One of the deacons invited me to dinner (The pastor was not invited and in such cases I have my suspicions). At the dinner table, in front of his wife and children, he launched an attack on his pastor and his unfitness for the pastorate of their church. It was evident that the situation was serious, so I asked a most godly deacon and a man of quiet judgment whether he thought the pastor should make a change. "Under the circumstances" he thought it "would be best".

Within a month from that date the Lord used me to get that pastor a call to one of our best churches, where he remained for over eight years, and only recently he accepted a call to another of our greatest churches. There was no reason under heaven why he should have left his first church, where he could have spent his entire life with profit to all, **except for one or two men who wanted to exercise their leadership and found a pastoral change the way of least resistence to their ambition to RULE.**

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I KNOW a pastor who accepted a call to a church, known for its skill in kicking out pastors. He stayed for over twenty years. One day I asked how he did it? "Well", said he, "When anything comes up with the brethren, so that I must go and they must stay, or they must go and I must stay, why, I STAY!" And his ministry was one continual success.

Many divorces could be avoided with a little "holding hand" and a renewal of "courting days" and just getting a little better acquainted. So with the pastoral relation. A little more sympathy co-operation and hard work, would cause many a cloud to melt away under the sunshine of love and kindness. No pastor has the right to criticize his church, unless he is doing HIS BEST, and no church has a right to criticize the pastor unless the **people** are doing **their** BEST. Not until pastor and people have unitedly done their very best and failed, is a motion in order for a pastoral change.

Before the days of automobiles a preacher put the following advertisement in a town paper—"Wanted a horse to do the work of a Baptist preacher". Now that preachers have automobiles, I fear there is a subconscious "ad" in the back of the brain of every Baptist Pulpit Committee which spelled out would say, "Wanted! a Pastor who can do the work of a Baptist Church". And this is no job for a "winded" old animal.

Princeton and Presbyterianism.

DR. W. B. RILEY, in Christian Fundamentalist.

THE Presbyterian of January 16th carries the following editorial announcement:

"I regret to announce that my editorship of The Presbyterian is about to terminate. This finds its explanation in the fact that at a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Presbyterian Publishing Company held on Monday, January 13, action was taken requesting my resignation as editor to take effect as soon as it is possible for my successor to assume charge but not later than February 1. The occasion of this action on the part of the Board was its dissatisfaction with the editorial policy I have steadfastly pursued and which I was unwilling to alter especially with reference to Princeton and Westminster Seminaries.—Samuel G. Craig."

This is not surprising, and in some respects not undesirable. It gives further proof of the fact that the men who forced Robert Dick Wilson, J. Gresham Machen, and Oswald T. Allis and others out of Princeton are now determined to let no organ or institution that is sympathetic with them live if they can kill the same. The recent efforts of Princeton to prove to the world its soundness in the faith have alternated between the pathetic and ludicrous. There are scarce three days in succession that the Christian Fundamentalist, or its editor, does not receive some beautiful and commendatory write-up of the present Princeton. To this hour we have not deemed it wise to provide space for this deceitful boast. The simple fact of the matter is that Princeton is lost to Presbyterianism, and has repudiated orthodoxy, and that Westminster, so far as theological seminaries are concerned, is the Presbyterian hope of orthodoxy.

One would hardly believe that such boldness would characterize these men as is involved is the dismissal of Dr. Craig, the editor of The Presbyterian, and yet in reviewing history, the one thing that we have rather admired in modernists is the spirit of fight which they have shown. They give the enemy no quarter whatever; while speaking to him in the fairest and sweetest speeches, they use the Damascan blade upon his neck. We confess frankly that the one weakness of Fundamentalism has been at this point. Thousands of us, lovers of peace by nature, and believing strongly in it by reason of our Christian profession, have yielded to the peace propaganda of compromisers to the point of practical surrender. Solomon in his great volume of Ecclesiastes, tells us, "To everything there is a season; a time to love and a time to hate, a time of war, and a time of peace" (Ecc. 3:8). Any fundamentalist who does not realize that we are in a time of war now is both blind to what has taken place about him and deaf to the clashing sounds of contending arms.

This editor was educated in a Presbyterian college. All his life long he has been in intimate fellowship with Presbyterian people. Presbyterianism has held his admiration, but if the Presbyterians of the country, by majority vote, continue to back up the present Princeton attitude, and approve this decapitation of an orthodox editor, then we shall count them as having followed the way of Congregationalism and present-day Methodism to the dump heap of infidelity.

In the falling of The Presbyterian, the same thing occurs to the great magazines of that denomination that took place with their theological seminaries in the down-going of Princeton. It is the destruction of the last stronghold. But, as in the instance of Princeton, so in this instance, orthodoxy will simply locate itself in another place, and start over the fight which has waged successfully for 2,000 years.

Some dozen years ago, the modernists, in the Baptist denomination, attempted this identical thing, only following the Rockefeller method, bought up and crushed out nearly all their competitors and made The Baptist the Standard Oil literary organ. It has run its course. Its failure is written on earth and sky, and now after a subsidy of thousands upon thousands, it surrenders at last and the denominationally governed organ is recorded among the painful spasms of history. The triumphs of skepticism have often occurred, but they have always been temporary. In the end God conquers!

The Moody Bible Institute Monthly

163 INSTITUTE PLACE
CHICAGO

JAMES M. GRAY, EDITOR
CLARENCE H. BENSON, ASSOCIATE EDITOR
ERNEST D. CHRISTIE, PUBLICATION MANAGER

March 18, 1930

The Presbyterian Publishing Co.,
1217 Market Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Gentlemen:

Regarding the renewal of the subscription of my father, a lifetime subscriber to The Presbyterian, perhaps it is just as well he did not live to know of the unhappy circumstances that befell the late editor. Sam Craig was one of my father's boys, as it was while he was pastor of the old church in Tarkio, Mo., in which Dr. Craig's father was an elder, that the young man made his first public confession of Christ. He has followed his career with interest and would be greatly grieved to know of his removal from The Presbyterian.

I am enclosing a letter and editorial which speak for themselves. Some of us do not want to judge hastily regarding the recent change in the editorial staff, but it must be admitted in view of the enclosed information that things do not look right. It surely will be a great source of grief to the many warm friends of The Presbyterian if this paper, so long preserved to orthodoxy, should now get on the toboggan slide and coast into the camp of the modernists.

Cordially and fraternally,

Clarence H. Benson

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Olive Presbyterian Church

THE FRIENDLY CHURCH
REV. ALFRED BARRATT, MINISTER
128 CHURCH STREET
PUNXSUTAWNEY, PENNSYLVANIA

March 18th 1930

Rev.David DS.Kennedy D.D.
Philadephia.Pennsylvania

My dear Dr Kennedy:-
Have you had a talk yet with Dr Robinson in reference to my sermons that were left in the Editorial drawer of "The Presbyterian". Also the one I sent to you entitled-
THE VALUE OF TRUTH.
If Dr Robinson is not going to publish any of my sermons in the pages of the Presbyterian will you kindly tell me and I will very cheerfully send the stamps to pay for the return of all those sermons .

I was hoping that my sermons would continue to appear in the pages of our good old"Presbyterian".

If I am not asking too great a privilege I would just be delighted to receive a letter from you.
Thank You.

With kindest Regards and best Wishes,
Yours Very Cordially
Alfred Barratt.
Rev.Alfred Barratt.

P.S. Is the Hollond Memorial Church still vacant.?
If so I wish you would kindly give my name to the session with the suggestion that they arrange to give me an opportunity to preach for them in the near future as a possible candidate. Thank You. A.B.

March 19, 1930.

Mrs. Wm. Y. Brown,
238 S. 38th Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Mrs. Brown:-

Your lovely letter cheered my heart exceedingly. You have always been such a wonderful friend and Mrs. Robinson and I cherish you greatly.

The task I have taken up is so new that I do not yet know my fitness for it. I am glad to be in Philadelphia again but for some months my stay here will be little at a time. As you know, I am thoroughly conservative and will hold the paper to conservative views. My temperament is not exactly as that of some others and I fear I am not much of a fighter which a few demand I shall be.

Mrs. Robinson is in Elizabeth where I spend the week-ends. It will be my great pleasure to call on you as soon as I can make it possible.

Yours very cordially,

March 19, 1930.

Mr. Louis Boisot,
1636 First National Bank Bldg.,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mr. Boisot:-

I thank you sir for your kind letter of March 17th. You express my idea exactly -- firm in belief in orthodoxy but as kind as the Lord will make us.

Yours very cordially,

238 So 38th St
March 18th 1930

My dear Dr Robinson:-

It gives me great pleasure to join hosts of friends in welcoming you back to Phila, especially to have you enconced in the "Editorial Chair".

My interest in the Northminster Ch continues although many precious ties are

broken, and I should
be reported to find you
in that pulpit again.
But the "Presbyterian" has
a different place in my
life. For over seventy-two
years I have welcomed
it in my home each
week. I have not agreed
with all I find there, but
there is always something
to help me. During these
years there have been
many changes. "For men
may come, and men may
go, but (my love) for it
goes on forever." In my

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made - "I have a desire not
so much to seek for errors
as to promote the truth as I
see it." God will give you
a clear vision - We all
want "the old essential truths
which sustained our fathers."
The display of personal an-
imosities is not enjoyed
by the ordinary reader.

With kindest remem-
brance to Mrs Robinson
and hoping also to wel-
come you both in my
own home.

I am, sincerely yours

(Mrs. W. Y.) Flora R. Brown

LOUIS BOISOT
1626 FIRST NAT. BANK BLDG.
CHICAGO, ILL.

Mar. 17, 1930.

Dear Dr. Robinson,

I have been a ~~reading~~ reader of The Presbyterian for years and while in agreement with its theological opinions I have often been offended by its pugnacity. I think I can detect a marked change in the paper since you took hold of it, — more milk of human kindness without any abandonment of orthodoxy. May you go on as you have begun.

Yours truly
Louis Boisot.

March 18, 1930.

Rev. Andrew Christy Brown, D.D.,
Brookhaven,
Winona Lake, Ind.

Dear Dr. Brown:-

Thank you greatly for the letter of the 13th instant. I am very glad to get your contribution. We have a large amount of material and will print as soon as we can.

Yours very truly,

March 18, 1930.

Hon. M. Linn Bruce,
Andes, N. Y.

Dear Judge Bruce:-

I have your letter with enclosure from Dr. Mackay. I know him very well since his days in Glens Falls. I am sorry that I cannot offer him opportunity to preach in Delhi. Stewart and I will probably occupy the pulpit all summer if they do not elect and install a pastor. Always glad to hear from you.

Most sincerely,

ANDREW CHRISTY BROWN
BROWNHAVEN
WINONA LAKE, INDIANA

3/13/30

My Dear Dr Robinson:

Allow me to congratulate you as the new Editor of the Presbyterian and bid you godspeed in the noble enterprise.

Because I am greatly concerned about the lowering of educational standard of entrance to the ministry caused by the working of Constitutional Rule No. 1 I am embracing the opportunity to discuss it when Overture 60 is before the Presbyteries. The article herewith inclosed is supplementary to my letter in the Presbyterian in December 1929. It is not meant to be controversial, only awakening and thoughtful to ministers & elders. I feel quite sure it will be useful if as it is upon an important subject. With thanks I am

Yours Truly

A. Christy Brown

Westminster College
SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH

My dear Judge Bruce:

Greetings!

I expect to be in New York by June 1st. I see by the papers that Dr. Robinson has left Delhi to become an editor. I just wish I could get three or four days' preaching there in June. I have no interest at all in the vacancy – I just need the money to pay my expenses to and from Salt Lake City. I could take any of the Sundays in June or July 6th. If I could get at least two it would help out.

I am reluctant to trouble you with such a matter but your influence and word mean much, and you and yours have been so kind to me and mine!

Mrs. Mackay has had two hard years. The nervous break down was quite complete and serious. But now she is wonderfully recovered. It is amazing how complete the recovery during the past three months.

I teach Psychology and Religion here. The College is small and the experience delightful. But the salary is meagre.

Extend our love to Mary or whoever may be at home.

Sincerely yours

John R. Mackay

March 13, 1929.

My Dear Dr. Robinson

I have just received the enclosed letter and am passing it on to you for your consideration and disposition.

Dr. Mackay, you will recall, was pastor of the North Presbyterian Church, — while Mrs Bruce & I were not members of his Church we usually attended there & our children were trained in that Church.

The Doctor is an Edinburgh Man — He is a good preacher, a good fellow, and is not given to doctrinal discussions

March 14, 1930.

Rev. Robert M. Blackburn, D.D.,
130 N. 5th Street,
Reading, Pa.

Dear Bobby:-

I do not see how I can possibly be with you as you kindly asked, even if you preached for me April 6th. Mrs. Robinson and I expect to go to Delhi that week and open the house and I am sure you could not be as much help to her as I. You are very kind to want me and I am frank to say that I would love to go. Your cheering words help me much. I am in a very delicate and difficult position but many have written with encouragement as you have. I will continue at it in the hope that I may get the sane and sound people of our Church somewhat united.

Cordially yours,

The First Presbyterian Church
Reading, Pennsylvania

ROBERT MARSHALL BLACKBURN
MINISTER
130 NORTH FIFTH STREET

Mch. 13, 1930

I'm terribly disappointed, Robby dear, Would it change the situation any for you if I'd agree to preach for you April 6th? I could do that, if it would help. Let me know soon, please,

Now, don't get impatient with your new job. You can't heal wounds in a minute, — even you! You've got more salve in your "eye-sum" than any hundred ministers I know. If you can't do it in a minute, nobody else can. And, if you can't do it in a minute, that doesn't mean that you can't do it eventually. Cheer up, you spoiled child! This is just another congregation you can bamboozle and bewitch with a smile, one of your jokes and a gesture. Be patient a bit! Your magic has to work through another medium. It will work, never fear.

Yours
Bob.

Herbert J. Bryce

Pastor
First Presbyterian Church

Protestant Chaplain
Michigan State House of Correction

Marquette, Mich.,

March 11th.
1930.

Dr W. Courtland Robinson,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Editor:-

As a reader and occasional contributor of sermon material to the pages of the Presbyterian, I am naturally much interested in your coming to the editorship of the paper. I am glad that you have come, and extend to you the cordial hand of welcome. Though some of my brethren have felt that there have been too many articles of a polemical nature in the pages of the Presbyterian, I have admired its unswerving loyalty to revealed truth, and believe that its ministry is greatly needed in these days, when, upon the Shinar plains of our modern life, there is a babel of voices and very few of them saying the same thing.

Again extending to you a hearty welcome, and wishing for you a long and dynamic ministry in the new field, I am

Very cordially yours,

Herbert J. Bryce

The First Presbyterian Church
Reading, Pennsylvania

ROBERT MARSHALL BLACKBURN
MINISTER
130 NORTH FIFTH STREET

Dear Robbie:-

Never mind about that preachment of mine. I don't believe it is worth the printing. What virtue seemed to be in it was in the art of the preacher, for I have a way of making nothing look like something. Toss it.

What I want of you now is something different. April 5th, Friday, I dearly want you here in Reading. It is the annual dinner of my congregation before the Every Member Canvass. The budget has been boosted, an Assistant minister's salary among the plus items, and I need you for about fifteen or twenty minutes to open the minds of my people to the Church's Program that they may get the pull of the big things to make their sacrifices intelligent and cheerful. Robbie, I must have you. My heart is set on it. I won't have anybody else. If you don't come, I 'll have to do it myself. Nobody else can do it, because nobody loves me as you do.

Gladden my soul now, by telling me you will come.

Affectionately

Bob.

February 27, 1930

P.S. I don't mean the "Church Council's" or other bureaucrats' program, I mean the Lord's program, of course. Personally I don't know these latter day vice-regents of Heaven, these bedeviling mediators between my Lord and me.

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The Rev. W. Courtland Robinson, D.D.,
The Presbyterian, 1217 Market St.,
Philadelphia, Pa., U.S.A.

My dear Dr. Robinson:

Let me, in sending in my subscription renewal for another year, wish you great success in your new editorial task. I suppose you will be moving down from Delhi to Philadelphia? You will be nearer to Elizabeth, N.J. that way, won't you? I don't know what other magnets you have. Mrs. Boyd and I are just starting off for a visit to our son and his little family in Alexandria - the first time we have been back to Egypt since we left there in 1926. Speaking of magnets - there are two little grandchildren in that home, that draw pretty hard! But there is a strong pull towards the U.S. too, where our two daughters are. Let me hear from you some time. I'ld like specially to know how you feel about the status and prospects at Princeton Seminary. Perhaps the pages of the Presbyterian will afford you an opportunity to let me know what you are thinking on that line.

With pleasant memories of past association and every good wish for you,

Very sincerely,

J. Oscar Boyd.

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Yours very truly,

THE PRESBYTERIAN

March 10, 1930.

Rev. Harry Burton Boyd, D.D.,
18th and Arch Streets,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Dr. Boyd:-

Thank you much for your letter dated March 7th. Such a welcome gives me new heart.

Cordially yours,

March 10, 1930.

Rev. Walter Rothwell,
Churdan, Iowa.

Dear Mr. Rothwell:-

Your letter of last Saturday is here. You will find THE PRESBYTERIAN will be very different from the "Presbyterian Magazine". I am as conservative in belief as you or any man in the Church. No one is trying to give THE PRESBYTERIAN a modernistic turn. I had nothing to do with the removal of Dr. Craig which was wholly a personal matter.

Yours very sincerely,

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Arch Street Presbyterian Church
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PHILADELPHIA

HARRY BURTON BOYD, D. D.
MINISTER

March- 7- 1930.

My Dear Dr. Robinson:

I am glad to welcome you as Editor of the Presbyterian. While I have not had the pleasure of knowing you personally I have known of you for many years. I shall, call on you as soon as you as settled in your work. As a new member of the Adelphoi I hope to see you there.

Sincerely yours

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AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY
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March 6 1930

Dear Dr. Robinson –

I have just read with interest and with great appreciation your beautifully expressed editorial "The Editor Begins" in the current issue of The Presbyterian. Permit me to extend to you my heartiest good wishes as you begin your new duties.

That the conservative point of view will be maintained in a courteous and dignified way is good news to every loyal Presbyterian whether conservative or liberal. May you be given grace to carry your responsibilities lovingly and strength to continue in them effectively! May the Lord bless you and keep you.

Sincerely yours
George Wm Brown

153 E.University Street
Wooster Ohio

Feb.26/30

The Rev.Wm.Courtland Robinson,D.D.
Philadelphia Pa.

Dear "Court":

You will be surprised to receive a letter from "Billy" Bryce,but I cannot resist the impulse to congratulate you on taking over the Editorship of the Presbyterian. I am sure the old ship will be in good hands with you on deck. The other day,in conversation with President Wishart,he said "Who is this man Robinson,anyway? " Remembering the old Princeton days,you may be sure I gave you a good name. I said,"For one thing,Dr.Wishart,Robinson has a sense of humor,and old Jimmy McCosh used to say that a sense of humor and common sense were concomitants." I assured him that Wooster College would get a square deal from you.

Last May,when I was at Princeton attending the 40th anniversary of our Class of 1889.I saw you on the platform in the First Church,but did not have an opportunity afterward of speaking to you. There were eighteen of us back to the anniversary,and we certainly did have a good time together. "John" Kelly makes an ideal Class Secretary as he keeps us all lined up in good shape. We made Lopez Class President.

I am living now in Wooster,preaching as a pulpit supply nearly every Sunday,and writing occasional articles for Church papers and magazines. I had an article on "The discipline of parenthood" in the Feb.19th issue of the "Christian Observer",and I paid my subscruption to the Presbyterian last year with an article on "Hot-hearted Christians". Well,good luck to you in your new work. Sometime perhaps we can have a good chat together about old times.

Yours as of old and ever, Wm. E. Bryce

March 4, 1930.

Rev. Wm. E. Bryce, D.D.,
Wooster, Ohio.

My dear Billy:

Glad to hear from you. Thank you for the good wishes. I am ignorant as to what the future will unfold, but after thirty-nine years as pastor, this coming unexpectedly seemed to be Divine direction.

I hope to have your continued favor.

Cordially yours,

WCR:MH

W. Courtland Robinson

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March 1, 1930.

Dr. W. Courtland Robinson,
Editor-in-chief of the Presbyterian,
1217 Market Street,
Philadelphia, Penn.

Dear Dr. Robinson:

Your letter addressed to our Treasurer, Mr. Bordeaux was received today. The writer hastens to reply.

We shall be very happy to permit the article written by Bishop Du Bose, to be reprinted in your journal. So long as the source is indicated somehow, there can be no objections, inasmuch, as you intimated, as there is no copyright attached.

Your periodical is on the exchange list of the magazine which we publish, and it is a means of much information in our work.

We wish to thank you for the insertion of our report of the League, which you so kindly published in the last issue of the PRESBYTERIAN.

May we hope for you, that the Lord will give you an effective ministry as you take up the work of Editor?

Cordially yours,

William J. Jones

This was at T.T.

401 Chestnut Lane, Wayne, Penna.

March 1st, 1930.

The Editor, Presbyterian,

Philadelphia.

Dear Sir,

In your issue of February 13th, page 12 you say of Dr. Poling, "The Society is fortunate in having a successor to its founder, who is both loyal to the ideals of the father of Christian Endeavor, and also loyal to the great evangelical truths on which the whole structure is built". I was a personal friend of Dr. Clark and feel that this is a sort of reflection on him. I have heard Dr. Poling preach in person and over the radio, and I have read several of his books, and I do not see how any one who is familiar with his views can say he is "true to the great evangelical truths". This is not written for publication, as I do not wish, and I am sure you do not wish, to appear to reflect upon any one. Nor is it written in a spirit of controversy, but to express a hope that the Presbyterian will be more careful in expressing such unqualified approval of one whose views are at least doubtful.

Very truly yours,

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EDITORIAL ROOMS

THE PRESBYTERIAN

1217 MARKET STREET, PHILADELPHIA

March 3, 1930.

Mr. Kenny G. Blatchley,
401 Chestnut Lane,
Wayne, Pa.

Dear Sir:-

Your criticism of the comment by THE PRESBYTERIAN concerning Dr. Poling in the issue of February 13th is before me. I was not then in the office and knew nothing of what was put out. I have always understood that Dr. Poling is a man of evangelical views. It has been rumored that he has changed somewhat of late but of that I know nothing. Your letter was written in a kindly spirit and I think you will agree with me that THE PRESBYTERIAN should be careful in expressing approval or disapproval of particular men. I regret that the statement did not meet your idea and we will accept your letter as an admonition.

Very truly yours,

EDITORIAL ROOMS
THE PRESBYTERIAN
1217 MARKET STREET, PHILADELPHIA

February 27, 1930.

Mr. W. Harllee Bordeaux,
Wheaton, Ill.

Dear Mr. Bordeaux:-

As the new editor of THE PRESBYTERIAN, I desire to publish in full the address delivered at your last conference by Bishop Du Bose and printed in "The Evangelical Student". I do not know to whom to write for permission. I think the magazine is not copyrighted and I certainly hope that I will do nothing discourteous in reproducing the article. If you have authority please give me the privilege by return mail. If it is not to be permitted, let me know that by wire collect. I hope and expect you will consent to this reprint.

Yours very truly,